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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 24 February and 3 March 1954, the Feldzeugmeister Kaserne (2001) in Brandenburg was still occupied to capacity by an artillery unit. Heavy weapons observed included 16 or 17 x 203-mm guns and 8 x 122-mm guns. On 24 February, motor vehicles

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left the installation for driving practice. Practice driving was conducted on several days. The same day, 7 officers and 46 EM with signal equipment left the installation and headed toward town. On 25 February, 76 officers reported for duty at the installation. Truck carrying an orderly room with 8 officers, trucks

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each carrying 2 officers and 20 EM, and tank trucks moved out of the installation and proceeded toward town. On 26 February, truck occupied by 2 officers and 11 EM left the installation for firing practice.

On 2 March, trucks each occupied by 1 officer and 19 EM, left the installation toward the Stahlwerk (steel plant). Four officers and 40 EM equipped with rifled and entrenching tools and 5 officers and 50 EM with signal equipment marched in the same direction. On 3 March, trucks

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drove from the installation toward the town. Trucks which belonged to the installation, trucked garbage from the Infanterie Kaserne.

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2. The Infanterie Kaserne (2202) was still vacant at the time of observation. Soldiers from the Feldzeugmeister Kaserne reconditioned and cleaned the installation.
3. Judged from the number of windows lighted at the Flak Kaserne (2202), the installation seemed to be occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops. On 22 February, 93 officers reported for duty. On 25 February, 360 soldiers marched from the installation to attend a lecture at the Feldzeugmeister Kaserne.

4. At about 10 a.m. on 21 February, a train of about 40 flatcars and 4 converted boxcars from Altengrabow was unloaded at Altengrabow. Among the materiel that moved to the Artillerie Kaserne (2001) upon unloading there were 3 x 203-mm howitzers, 12 tractors and jeep 1 truck with van-like superstructure

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5. No observations indicating changes in the occupation of the Flak Kaserne were made between 21 February and 4 March. The quarters were still fully lighted at dusk. Heavy weapons observed included up to 12 85-mm and 15 x 57-mm AT guns. Although no 76.2-mm AT guns were noticed during the period of observation, these were still parked in the northern section of hall No 15. Troops absent daily

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practiced with 57-mm and 85-mm AT guns. In the afternoon on 4 March, truck towing a 47-mm AT gun and carrying about 20 soldiers entered the installation. Patrols outside the barracks installation were reinforced considerably.

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6. Prior to 4 March, the quarters of the Infanterie Kaserne were not lighted at dusk. After 26 or 27 February, 20 to 30 bedsteads, other billeting equipment and timber which had been cut only recently were piled up behind building No 3 in the yard of the installation.
7. Prior to 4 March, buildings No 1 and 2 of the Artillerie Kaserne were fully lighted at nightfall and building No 26 was lighted from 50 percent up to 75 percent.¹

1. Comment. Compared with information of mid-February, report indicates no changes in the distribution of units in Brandenburg. The strength of troops in the Flak Kaserne, as stated in paragraph 3 of the present report, is believed to have been exaggerated. 25X1

2. Comment. a train with units of the 124th HV How Arty Brig went from Altengrabow to Braunsburg on 22 February. 25X1

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